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In re United States Patent Application of:)	Docket No.:	4240-145
Applicants:)	Conf. No.:	1925
Application No.:)	Art Unit:	1638
Date Filed:)	Examiner:	Russell Kallis
Title:)	Customer No.:	
A NOVEL STAY-GREEN)		
GENE AND METHOD FOR)		
PREPARING STAY-GREEN)		
TRANSGENIC PLANTS)		

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**RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 26, 2010 FINAL OFFICE ACTION, PETITION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
IN U.S. PATENT APPLICATION NO. 10/587,312**

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Sir:

This responds to the October 26, 2010 Final Office Action in the above-identified application.

The time for responding to the October 26, 2010 Office Action without extension was set at three months, or January 26, 2011. Applicants hereby request a one month extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 to extend the deadline for response to February 26, 2011. Because February 26, 2011 fell on a Saturday, such deadline is automatically extended to **Monday, February 28, 2011** through the operation of 37 CFR 1.7. This Response is therefore timely.

Please amend the claims of the above-identified patent application as set out in Section I (Amendments to the Claims) hereof.

Remarks concerning the amendments to the claims and the substance of the October 26, 2010 Office Action are set out in **Section II (Remarks)** hereof.